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SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Now we have, of course, a state aid formula for...for aid. This money would be distributed, not through that formula, but to equalize schools, is that right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: And would it be considered an accountable receipt as far as school districts, if...

SENATOR BOHLKE: I thought not; it's a different fund, so it would not be an accountable receipt.

SENATOR RAIKES: So it would amount to some money that would not impact a schools state aid allocation.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. And going back once more,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...the amount, roughly 10 percent of the net cost of providing a breakfast, I'm wondering, is this going to actually, you think, affect any school's decision to offer breakfast, or will this just simply provide some money for those schools who already offer, or what do you expect the impact to be?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, Senator Raikes, I would expect the impact to be that LB 26 will prove if that gives enough for schools to do that or not. They tell us that it will provide the incentive that they feel they could go forward. I think that, if we are able to pass this, we'll be able to see.

SENATOR RAIKES: We know now how many breakfasts are served and we would be able to compare that down the road?

SENATOR BOHLKE: We could, we would certainly know those schools who are currently not offering a breakfast program, who would begin offering a breakfast program.